THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) According to State of Forest Report 1993, the total recorded forest area of the country is 7,70,078 sq. km, the degraded forest with crown density 10 percent to 40 percent is 2,50,275 sq. km and the scrub forest (crown density less than 10 percent) is 58,943 sq. km. According to one estimate extent of total wasteland in the country is 12,95,800 sq. km.

(c) The tentative target for afforestation during the year 1994 95 is ;

(i) Area to be afforested 12,47,260 ha.

(ii) Seedling to be distributed 14,170 Lacs.

Dereservation of Sariska National Park

5599. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have succumbed to the pressure of Rajasthan mining lobby and dereserved a part of Sariska National Park;

(b) if so, whether Government felt it necessary to dereserve part of the Sariska National Park;

(c) how much hectare area has been dereserved; and

(d) what benefits Government derives out of this dereservation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Monitoring Pollution

5600. SHRI GUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Pioneer dated 13th April, 1994 under the caption "Ministry set up 290 stations to monitor pollution";

(b) if so, the details of locations and specific areas of operation for monitoring the pollution ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are unable to check the menace due to inaction of its own agencies; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir. 290 stations have been sanctioned to monitor air quality in the Country.

(b) The details of Statewise number of stations is placed at statment. (*See* below)

(c) No, Sir. Steps taken to bring down the level of pollution include the following :

1. The major source of air pollution in the Country are industrial, domestic and transportation activities. Effluent, emission and ambient noise standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

2. Environmental guidelines have been evolved for sitting and operation of industries :

3. Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to limit the discharge of effluent and emissions within the stipulated standard;

4. The Central Government in consultation with the State Governments have prepared the

action plan to meet the effluent and emission standards for the polluting industries;

5. Fiscal incentives are being provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for the shifting polluting industries from the congested areas.

6. Network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up.

(d) Does not arise.

Statements

Statewise number of National ambient Air quality monitoring stations (as on March 31, 1993)

State	Sanctioned Stations
Andhra Pradesh	12
Arunachal Pradesh	02
Assam	05
Bihar	12
Goa	02
Gujprat	23
Haryana	08
Himachal Pradesh	08
Jammu and Kashmir	02
Karnataka	14
Kerala	16
Madhya Pradesh	24
Maharashtra	26
Manipur.	02
Meghalaya	02
Mizoram	02
Nagaland	02
Orissa	08
Punjab	12
Rajasthan	19
Tamil Nadu	16
Tripura	02
Uttar Pradesh	38
West Bengal	14
Union Territories	
Chandigarh	03
Daman & Diu	02
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	02
Delhi	09
Pondicherry	03
TOTAL	290

Providing space for animals in Zoos

5601. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 75 per cent of the 314 zoos in the country are in a pathetic State, with inadequate housing for the animals and little attention to hygiene; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that zoos have adequate space and finances since they have an important environmental and educational role of play ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) It is true that in many of the zoos in the country, there is scope for improvment in hosusing, hygiene, sanitation and upkeep of animals.

(b) Zoos in India are managed by different authorities, including State Govts., trusts, societies, individuals, etc. Raising of financial resources for maintenance of the zoos is primarily the responsibility of their respective management authorities. However, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) established by the Central Government in February, 1992. provideds limited assistance to recognised zoos for technical and scientific development on the basis of plans approved by the CZA.

Eco-Development Plan

5602. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Environment and Forests have drawn up a grandios